

REMARKS

The Examiner indicates that the following groups of claims are directed to distinct inventions, and restriction to one of the inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

“I. Claims 1-8, 11, 16-25, 28, and 33-38...”

“II. Claims 39-46, 40 [sic], and 54-64...”


Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner appears to have made a typographical error in listing the claims in Group II. Claim 40 is included twice and Applicants assume that the Examiner intended to include Claims 39-46, 49, and 54-64 in Group II as further indicated on form PTOL-326.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims belonging to Group I – i.e. claims 1-8, 11, 16-25, 28, and 33-38.

Based upon the above assumption, claims 39-46, 49, and 54-64, which are directed to the non-elected Group II species, are hereby cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuing applications to prosecute claims based on the non-elected Group II.

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